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Agricultural Summary: Last week the State experienced lower than average rainfall according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. Most areas across the State reported average temperatures for this time of year. Producers were allowed 6.8 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	17	48	35	0
Last Week	7	34	58	1
Last Year	7	35	55	3

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	9	36	54	1
Last Week	6	30	64	0
Last Year	6	38	52	4

Small Grains: Spring barley was 74 percent harvested, 7 points behind the 5-year average. Spring wheat was 48 percent harvested by week's end. The crop was reported in mostly good condition.

Row Crops: Corn progressed to 98 percent at or beyond the dough stage with 55 percent dented and 3 percent mature. The crop was rated in mostly good condition by the end of the week. The harvest of corn silage was reported at 14 percent complete, 6 points behind the 5-year average. Sorghum was 55 percent turning color with 12 percent mature. The crop was rated in mostly good condition. Sunflowers were rated in mostly good condition. Dry onions were 36 percent harvested by week's end with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 25 percent harvested with the crop reported in mostly good condition at the end of the week. Fall potatoes were 7 percent harvested and reported in mostly good condition. Sugarbeets were rated in mostly good condition. Dry beans were 20 percent cut with 2 percent harvested at the end of the week. The crop was reported in mostly good condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/

Week ending September 5, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Wheat					
This Week	1	3	17	71	8
Last Year	0	5	19	43	33

Pasture, Range and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado remained in mostly good to fair condition last week with the hot and dry weather. The third cutting of alfalfa progressed to 55 percent complete. The crop is rated in mostly good condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were at average for the week. Stored feed supplies remain at average for this time of year and livestock are rated in mostly good condition.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 5, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	0	6	39	50	5
Prev. Year - 2009	4	9	33	46	8
5-Year Avg.	9	19	36	30	6

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending September 5, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
Winter Wheat				
Seeded	5	-	11	7
Spring Barley				
Harvested	74	59	80	81
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	48	32	47	58
Corn				
Dough	98	86	72	81
Dent	55	30	39	44
Mature	3	-	11	9
Corn Silage				
Harvested	14	6	16	20
Sorghum				
Coloring	55	48	59	54
Mature	12	6	22	14
Dry Onions				
Harvested	36	21	30	36
Dry Beans				
Cut	20	6	18	19
Harvested	2	N/A	5	5
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	55	47	34	44
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	25	18	25	35
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	7	2	7	7

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
Livestock	0	2	10	80	8
Corn	0	2	10	68	20
Sorghum	0	1	19	55	25
Dry Onions	1	1	6	79	13
Dry Beans	2	5	20	70	3
Alfalfa	0	3	26	59	12
Sugarbeets	0	1	3	77	19
Summer Potatoes	0	8	14	77	1
Fall Potatoes	0	1	25	57	17
Sunflowers	1	2	21	56	20

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.